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| In re Application of:          | ) |                         |
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| Filing Date: November 17, 2003 | ) | Group Art Unit No. 2656 |
| For: THIN FILM MAGNETIC HEAD   | ) |                         |
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Dear Sir:

Applicant filed the above-identified application on November 17, 2003, but has not yet received a first Office Action. Please advise the undersigned attorney as to when a first Office Action is expected to issue on this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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